

The Recology[®] **RESOURCE**

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**Your recyclables being sorted
at our facility in Santa Rosa, CA**



IT'S EVENT SEASON!

Novato is known for impressive geography, delicious local cuisine, gorgeous scenery, and a wide variety of entertaining festivals that take place nearly all year long.

Have you seen us at an event? We hosted educational tables at 138 events throughout Marin and Sonoma Counties last year! We love meeting our customers and being available to answer questions about the services we offer. Our favorite questions are the tricky “what goes where?” types. If you see our Recology tent at your favorite event, stop by, say “hello” and try to stump one of our Waste Zero Specialists with your best recycling or compost questions!

We are also committed to helping local events “go green” by reducing overall waste while adding compost and recycling services. In 2018, we were very proud to introduce public-facing compost

receptacles at both the Marin Greek Festival and the Rotary Polenta Feed. We want the people of Marin County to attend events and say, “Where are the compost carts?” before they even order their first giant turkey leg (yes, that turkey bone can go in the compost when you are done).

Sustainability starts well before any event. Making sure that attendees are encouraged to bring their own utensils, water bottle and coffee cup is an important way to reduce waste. Single-use coffee cups and utensils/straws are not recyclable and must be put in the trash. While water bottles are recyclable, it is much more environmentally friendly to bring your own and use it over and over again. Another common question we receive is regarding “compostable” plastics. Many food vendors use these plastics with the best of intentions. Unfortunately though,

“compostable” plastics do not break down at the compost facilities we take materials to. This means that “compostable” plastics will end up in the landfill.

We just launched a new web page www.Recology.com/RSMEvents, where you can find out more about how to plan a WASTE ZERO event. There are purchasing guides to give to your vendors, information about the event services we offer, and even printable signs you can use to help guests at anything from the largest music festival, to the most intimate backyard BBQ. Let's make 2019 the greenest event season yet!

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COMPOST & RECYCLE



COMPOST



- ✓ **Food scraps**
Restos de comida



- ✓ **Plant trimmings**
Recortes de plantas



- ✓ **Soiled paper**
Papel sucio



- ✓ **Wooden chop sticks & stir sticks**
Palillos chinos y palitos de madera

Compost Pro Tips

- ✓ YES, you can put food scraps and soiled paper in your yard trimmings cart (AKA compost cart)!
- ✓ Use a kitchen pail and empty daily.
- ✓ Wrap food scraps in newspaper or paper bags.
- ✓ Store food scraps in the freezer and put them in your compost cart the night before your service day.



RECYCLE



- ✓ **Aluminum & steel cans**
Latas de aluminio y acero
- ✓ **Aluminum foil & trays**
Papel y charolas de aluminio



- ✓ **Plastic containers**
Contenedores de plástico



- ✓ **Glass bottles & jars**
(metal caps & lids too)
Botellas y frascos de vidrio
(incluya las tapas de metal)



- ✓ **Paper & cardboard**
Papel y cartón

Recycle Pro Tips

- ♻️ Do not trap recyclables in a plastic bag. Plastic bags do not get opened.
- ♻️ Containers must be empty & dry. Food & liquids can contaminate an entire load of recyclables.
- ♻️ These symbols don't always mean "recyclable". They are just used to identify the type of plastic an item is made from. When recycling plastics, think containers (bottles, tubs, & jugs)!



BULKY ITEM PICKUP

Novato residents can schedule a bulky item pickup by calling **800.243.0291** or emailing **RecologySonomaMarin@Recology.com**.

THE BASICS

- ✓ **4 free pickups per year for residents**
4 recolecciones gratuitas por año
- ✓ **Set out approximately 3 cubic yards of material**
Ponga aproximadamente 3 yardas cúbicas de material
- ✓ **No liquid waste or hazardous materials**
No desechos líquidos ni materiales peligrosos



REUSE



Reuse is one of our all time favorite “R’s” (Tied for first place with Reduce, Recycle, and **Recologize!**) If you have an item that is no longer of use to you, that doesn’t mean it won’t be useful to someone else.

- Consider donating the item to a local thrift store or charity.
- List working items on websites like Craigslist, Nextdoor, or Letgo.
- Make some art! It’s amazing what you can do with some paint and glue.
- Have a community yard sale. It’s a great way to earn some extra money, and keep items out of the landfill.

HAZARDOUS WASTE



The Novato Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility, under the operation of the Novato Sanitary District, is open from 8:30a-1:30p on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Mondays of each month. The HHW Facility, located at **7576 Redwood Blvd.**, behind the Novato Recycling Center, accepts all regular household hazardous wastes such as paints, aerosols, auto products, household cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, small propane tanks and other common household toxics.

In addition, the HHW Facility will now accept electronic waste of all kinds, including computers, TV's, microwaves and small electrical appliances. For more information visit www.novatosan.com or call the HHW hotline at 415.892.7344.

If you only have latex paints, household or car batteries, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, oil filters, or antifreeze you can bring these items to the Novato Recycling Center, 7576 Redwood Blvd, during regular business hours, 10:00am – 4:00pm, Tues. – Sun.



DO NOT dispose of needles, syringes, or lancets in garbage, recycling, or compost bins. They are extremely dangerous to sanitation workers and must be disposed of properly.

Drop-off syringes, needles, and lancets in **approved red containers** and pick up a free one at the following locations:

Kaiser Novato 97 San Marin Drive 415.899.7470	Novato HHW Facility 7576 Redwood Boulevard 415.892.7344
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Safeway Pharmacy 5720 Nave Drive 415.881.9260	Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy 7514 Redwood Boulevard 415.892.3700
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For more information, please go to the Novato Sanitary District website at www.novatosan.org and follow the link to the "Green Pages".



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AB 341

Mandatory Commercial Recycling

California Assembly Bill 341 (AB 341) mandates that as of January 1, 2012 commercial establishments that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week, and multifamily dwellings of 5 units or more must have recycling services. AB 341 is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state by 5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) by 2020.



AB 1826

Mandatory Commercial Organics

California Assembly Bill 1826 (AB 1826) mandates that as of January 1, 2019 commercial establishments that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste per week must arrange for an organics recycling program. Organics include food scraps, plant trimmings, and soiled paper. AB 1826 is designed to conserve resources and curb greenhouse gas emissions.



WASTE ZERO SERVICES

Let our Waste Zero Team help your business, multi-family dwelling, or school recycle and compost more, while saving money on your monthly bill!

We offer commercial customers (at no charge):

- Technical assistance from Waste Zero Specialists
- Employee trainings & school presentations
- Educational tables at events
- Posters, labels, magnets, & window clings
- Indoor green & blue containers

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